Research Process Management & Prioritization Committee Report

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Recommendations

➢ Create the Transportation Research Institute of Michigan (TRIM) to centralize operations and promote research

➢ MDOT senior management has asked for a more detailed proposal

➢ Concept has broad support from the MTRB Executive Committee and univerisities; details need to be worked out

Recommendations (Cont'd)

➢ TRIM should be created as a non-profit organization, initially with a director and part-time administrative assistant

➢ TRIM should be housed at the MDOT Secondary Complex or similar facility

➢ Board of Directors should be the MTRB Executive Committee and the director will report to them

Recommendations (Cont'd)

- MDOT will be asked to fund TRIM
- Several universities have agreed to cost share for a 3-year pilot period

Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Research problem identification and prioritization process used by Roger Till at MDOT will be recommended as a good model

- Strengthen participation of MDOT regions in research problem identification

- Involvement of Michigan researchers in developing NCHRP problem statements should be strengthened

Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Bring national and international research issues to the attention of Michigan agencies

- Develop a Web site listing all projects funded by MDOT and other agencies

- MDOT should split the payment of TRB & NCHRP dues across both research and planning